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H. RES. 234

Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans,
South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. HONDA) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans,
Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.

Whereas all Americans are united in supporting American
men and women who protect our Nation abroad and at
home;

Whereas thousands of Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans,
South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans serve in the
military and in law enforcement, working to protect all
Americans;

Whereas the Arab-American, Muslim-American, South Asian-American, and Sikh-American communities are vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding, and have greatly contributed to American society; and

Whereas all Americans, including Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans, condemn acts of violence and prejudice: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) is concerned by the number of bias-moti-
3 vated crimes against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Amer-
4 icans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans,
5 and other Americans in recent months;

6 (2) declares that the civil rights and civil lib-
7 erties of all Americans, including Arab-Americans,
8 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and
9 Sikh-Americans, should be protected;

10 (3) condemns bigotry and acts of violence
11 against any American, including Arab-Americans,
12 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and
13 Sikh-Americans;

14 (4) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-
15 forcement authorities to work to prevent bias-moti-
16 vated crimes against all Americans, including Arab-
17 Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Ameri-
18 cans, and Sikh-Americans; and

19 (5) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-
20 forcement authorities to investigate and prosecute
21 vigorously all such crimes committed against Arab-

- 1 Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Ameri-
- 2 cans, and Sikh-Americans.

